(d) Various units of the project are scheduled to be commissioned in 2010-11.

Supply of power to West Bengal

140. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the west Bengal Government to supply power to the State from Tala Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) On the basis of request received from the Eastern Region, power from Tala Hydroelectric Project (1020 MW) in Bhutan has been allocated to the States of Eastern Region, including West Bengal, to improve their hydro thermal mix and these States surrender equivalent thermal power (in lieu of allocation of Tala power) to the states of Northern Region. On this basis, 15% of the power from Tala Hydroelectric Project (excluding 15% unallocated quota) has already been allocated to West Bengal.

Power shortage in Andhra Pradesh

141. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government to meet the present demand of power in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) During the period April-October, 2007, the energy shortage and the peaking shortage in Andhra Pradesh was 3.7% and 10.9% respectively and the detailed position in this regard is given below:

Energy Shortage (MU)				Peak Shortage (MW)			
Requirement	Availability	Shortage	Shortage (%)	Demand	Met	Shortage	Shortage (%)
36327	34999	1328	3.7	9701	8641	1060	10.9

MU=Million Units MW=Mega Watt

(c) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a state/UT is within the purview of the state government/state power utility concerned. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the state government by establishing power plants in Central sector through CPSUs.

At present, the state of Andhra Pradesh has, besides 2593MW firm allocation from the ...al Generating Stations (CGSs) of the Sourthern Region (including 1000 MW from the Simhadri STPS which is dedicated to the state), 328-418 MW allocation (in different time slots of the day) from the unallocated power of CGSs of the region, which is highest among the regional constituents.